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SUBJECT: COAL MINE DISASTER: EMBASSY DELIVERS BARRETT LETTER TO MINISTRY

DEPT PASS: ROBERT E. BARRETT, ADMINISTRATOR, MINING ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, DEPT OF INTERIOR

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1. ON FEB. 10, E/C COUNSELOR CALLED ON DR. ZDENEK PETRU, CHEF DE CABINET OF FUELS AND ENERGY MINISTER EHRENBERGER, TO DELIVER JAN. 19 LETTER FROM MINING ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATOR BARRETT TO EHRENBERGER. LETTER EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES REGARDING DEC. 30 STARIC COAL MINE DISASTER (REFTEL) AND REQUESTS DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE DISASTER FOR POSSIBLE USE IN PROMOTING GUIDELINES TO ELIMINATE SUCH DISASTERS IN FUTURE. UNOFFICIAL CZECH TRANSLATION OF LETTER ALSO GIVEN TO PETRU.

2. ON BEHALF OF EHRENBERGER AND HIMSELF, PETRU EXPRESSED VERY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR CONDOLENCES FROM BARRETT AND FROM AMBASSADOR, WHO SENT EARLIER CONDOLENCE LETTER TO FONMIN. PETRU SAID HE WOULD CERTAINLY CONVEY LETTER TO EHRENBERGER AND WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT HE COULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO USG INFORMATION ON DISASTER ONCE INVESTIGATION, NOW DRAWING TO A CLOSE IS COMPLETED. HE SAID STARIC IS ONE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S MOST MODERN MINES, AND
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MINERS HAD LATEST METHANE-DETECTION GEAR AND EMERGENCY BREATING APPARATUS. NEVERTHELESS, IGNITION OF GAS WAS SO SUDDEN MINERS WERE KILLED BEFORE THEY HAD CHANCE TO USE EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT. PETRU ALSO SAID HIS MINISTRY WOULD APPRECIATE MINING SAFETY INFORMATION FROM U.S., AND E/C COUNSELOR AGREED TO REQUEST IT.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY APPRECIATES OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY BARRETT'S

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THOUGHTFUL LETTER TO CALL ON IMPORTANT FUELS AND ENERGY MINISTRY, WITH WHOM WE HAVE HAD LITTLE PAST CONTACT. WE HOPE THAT INTERIOR CAN SUPPLY INFORMATION REQUESTED, WHICH WE WILL GLADLY PASS ON TO CZECHOSLOVAKS. WE WILL, OF COURSE, FORWARD TO BARRETT, ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PETRU.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLS PROVIDE ANY PRINTED INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON MINING SAFETY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PETRU.
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